
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COMMERCE LOAN FUND
2005 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SUMMARIES**

REGULAR CDBG-ED PROJECT AWARDS

Locality: **Yellowstone County**
Project Number: #MT-CDBG-ED05-01

Name of Company: Link Communications
Project Location: Billings
Financing Date: 06/15/2005

CDBG Funds:
Admin. Grant \$ 26,500
Training Grant \$ 50,000
Activity Grant \$ 300,000

Other Funds:
Beartooth RC & D \$ 100 000
Sale of Building \$ 352,000
Capital Equip Leases \$ 200,000

Total Project \$ 652,000

Job Creation: 12 New FTE's

LMI Jobs: 7 New FTE's

Use of CDBG Funds: Yellowstone County was awarded \$375,000 in economic development funds to assist Link Communications, an emergency services radio interoperability and repeater developer and manufacturer. The County, through Beartooth RC&D will make a loan of \$300,000 for working capital, and use up to \$26,500 of economic development funds for County administrative expenses. Link Communications Inc. will create twelve (12) full-time positions of which, seven (7) will be held by low and moderate-income persons. A grant of up to \$50,000 will be made available to Link Communications for employee training. This is a business expansion project.

Locality: **Sanders County**
Project Number: #MT-CDBG-ED05-02

Name of Company: Precision Woodworks, LLC
Project Location: Noxon

Financing Date:	06/15/05
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 17,600
Training Funds	\$ 50,000
Loan for debt refinancing	\$ 170,000
Other Funds:	
First State Bank	\$ 170,000
Equity	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total Project	\$ 457,600

Job Creation:	8 Retained FTE's
	6 New FTE's
LMI Jobs:	6 Retained FTE's
	3 New FTE's

Use of CDBG Funds: The Sanders County will make a loan to Precision Woodworks, Inc. for up to \$170,000 in CDBG-ED funds for debt refinancing. Up to \$50,000 in CDBG-ED funds will be used for employee training. Up to \$17,600 in CDBG-ED funds will be used by the County for administration of the MDOC contract. Payments from the CDBG-ED loan will be managed by the Lake County Community Development Corporation/Western Rural Development Region Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund. New loans will be made on a regional basis. This is a business retention project. Precision promises to retain (8) full time equivalent (FTE) jobs, (of which six (6) are held by low and moderate income persons), and six (6) full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs will be created, of which four (4) of the newly created positions will be made available to or filled by low and moderate-income persons. Payments from the loan will be managed by Lake County Community Development Corporation. This is a business retention project.

Locality:	Missoula County
Project Number	MT-CDBG-ED05-03
Name of Company:	Rocky Mountain Biologicals, Inc.
Project Location:	City of Missoula
Financing Date:	06/15/2005
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 24,000
Loan	\$ 276,000

Other Funds:	
Community Reinvestment Funds	\$ 780,000
First Security Bank	\$ 700,000
Equity Investment	\$1,450,000
MAEDC IRP Loan	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

Total Project:	\$3,380,000
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Job Creation:	15 New FTE's
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LMI Jobs:	10 New FTE's
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Use of CDBG funds: The County will loan \$276,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to Rocky Mountain Biologicals, a biotech production facility, for equipment purchases. Grant funds of \$24,000 are budgeted for administrative activities. Rocky Mountain has projected fifteen (15) full time equivalent (FTE) jobs will be created, of which ten (10) of the newly created positions will be made available to or filled by low and moderate-income persons. Payments from the loan will be managed by the Missoula County Revolving Loan Fund. This is a business start-up project.

Locality:	Flathead County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-ED05-04
Name of Company:	Midway Rental and Power Equipment, Inc.
Project Location:	Kalispell
Financing Date:	6/30/2005

CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 29,600
Loan	\$ 300,000
Training Grant	\$ 70,000

Other Funds:	
Owner Equity	\$ 2,787,000
Glacier Bank	<u>\$ 550,000</u>

Total Project:	\$ 3,736,600
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Job Creation:	18 New FTE's
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LMI Jobs:	13 New FTE's
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Use of CDBG Funds: Flathead County will loan \$300,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to Midway Rental and Power Equipment, Inc., an equipment rental

company for equipment and machinery purchases. Up to \$70,000 in CDBG-ED funds will be granted for employee training. Midway has projected eighteen (18) full time equivalent (FTE) jobs will be created, of which thirteen (13) of the newly created positions will be made available to or filled by low and moderate-income persons. Up to \$29,600 will be used for administrative expenses. Payments from the loan will go to the revolving loan fund managed by Jobs Now, Inc. This is a business expansion project.

Locality:	City of Poplar
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-ED05-05
Name of Company:	A&S Diversified, Inc. and Fort Peck Tech Services, Inc.
Project Location:	City of Poplar
Financing Date:	6/30/2005
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 8,000
Training Grant	\$ 175,000
Other Funds:	
A&S Diversified	\$ 157,500
Fort Peck Tech Services	<u>\$ 17,500</u>
Total Project:	\$ 358,000
Job Creation:	35 New FTE's
LMI Jobs:	35 New FTE's

Use of CDBG Funds: The City, through Great Northern Development, will grant up to \$175,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to A&S Diversified, Inc. a machining company, and Fort Peck Tech Services, Inc. a document conversion service, for employee training funds. The businesses have projected thirty five (35) full time equivalent (FTE) jobs will be created, of which thirty five (35) of the newly created positions will be made available to or filled by low and moderate-income persons. This is a business expansion project.

Locality:	Custer County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-ED05-06
Name of Company:	Montana Quality Meats
Project Location:	Miles City
Financing Date:	6/30/2005
CDBG Funds:	

Admin. Grant	\$ 10,400
Loan	\$130,000

Other Funds:	
First Interstate Bank	\$138,400
Equity	<u>\$ 34,600</u>
Total Project:	\$313,400

Job Creation:	1 New FTE
	14 Retained FTE's

LMI Jobs:	8 Retained FTE's
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Use of CDBG Funds: Custer County, through the SouthEastern Montana Development Corporation will loan \$130,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to Alan and Ruth Kuchynka , to help purchase Montana Quality Meats, LLC, a meat processing and distribution plan located in Miles City, for the purchase of accounts receivable, inventory, and equipment to help retain the business and existing employees. The Borrower has projected one (1) full time equivalent (FTE) job will be created, and fourteen (14) jobs will be retained, of which, at least eight (8) of the retained positions are filled by low and moderate-income persons.

Locality:	Pondera County Port Authority
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-ED05-07

Name of Company:	Intercontinental Truck Body
Project Location:	Conrad
Financing Date:	9/8/2005

CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 6,000
Loan	\$ 394,000

Other Funds:	
BOI	\$ 400,000
Wells Fargo Bank	<u>\$1,124,773</u>
Total Project:	\$1,924,773

Job Creation:	20 New FTE's
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LMI Jobs:	20 New FTE's
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Use of CDBG Funds: Pondera County, through Pondera County Port Authority will loan \$394,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to Intercontinental Truck Body (ITB), LLC for working capital. ITB was awarded an Air Force contract to build custom truck bodies. The Borrower has projected twenty (20) full time equivalent (FTE) jobs will be

created, of which, at least twenty (20) of the position will be made available to or filled by low and moderate-income persons.

Locality: **Anaconda - Deer Lodge County**

Project Number: #MT-CDBG-ED05-08

Name of Company: BBMI, LLC

Project Location: Anaconda

Financing Date: 9/8/2005

CDBG Funds:

Admin \$ 19,800

Training Grant \$ 21,068

Loan \$220,000

Other Funds:

First National Bank \$150,000

Owner Equity \$ 96,400

ARCO \$ 15,000

Total Project: \$522,268

Job Creation: 12 New FTE's

LMI Jobs: 7 New FTE's

Use of CDBG Funds: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, through the Anaconda Local Development Corporation will loan \$220,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to B&B Mechanical Insulation (BBMI, LLC), for working capital to produce pipe shields. The Borrower has projected twelve (12) full time equivalent (FTE) job will be created, of which, at least seven (7) of the positions will be made available to or filled by low and moderate-income persons.

Locality: **Roosevelt County/Town of Culbertson**

Project Number: #MT-CDBG-ED05-09

Name of Company: Sustainable Systems, LLC

Project Location: Culbertson

Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG Funds:

Admin \$ 40,000

Loan \$ 760,000

Other Funds:

IRP Loan \$ 150,000

GNDC	\$ 50,000
First Community Bank	\$ 500,000
Equity (source to be determined)	<u>\$ 191,300</u>
Total Project	1,691,300
Job Creation:	20 New FTE's
Job Retention:	11 FTE's
LMI Jobs:	16 FTE's

Use of CDBG funds: Roosevelt County and the Town of Culbertson will make a loan to Sustainable Systems, LLC through the Great Northern Development Corporation for working capital. Sustainable Systems, LLC will purchase Montola Growers in Culbertson. Sustainable expects to retain 11 positions, and hire at least 20 persons through new positions and job turnover, of which at least 16 of those positions will be made available to or held by low and moderate-income persons.

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Locality:	City of Havre
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG05-01
Project Location:	Havre
Financing Date:	6/15/2005
CDBG Funds:	\$ 4,836
Other Funds:	
Misc. Local Development Corps	<u>\$ 5,200</u>
Total Project	<u>\$ 10,036</u>
Job Creation:	Not applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To conduct assessments by Sweetgrass Development, Bear Paw Development, Two Rivers Economic Growth, and The Whitefish Chamber of Commerce to document the need for Amtrak passenger service in Montana, through a series of town meetings held in Glasgow, Havre, and Whitefish.

Locality:	Town of Chester
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG05-02
Project Location:	Chester
Financing Date:	06/15/2005
CDBG Funds:	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Other Funds:	
MT Agricultural Council Grant	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
Dennis and Charlotte Kenfield	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Bear Paw Development	<u>\$ 250</u>
MT Agricultural Innovation Center	<u>\$ 520</u>
Total Project	<u>\$ 23,270</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To develop a feasibility study to determine the viability of constructing a utility-scale wind project in Liberty County that would add to the regional economy and help support Montana's tax base. The project also has the potential to use a clean, renewable resource to generate electricity. The study will analyze the wind resources available, availability of transmission and distribution lines in the area and identify a likely buyer for the project output.

Locality:	Broadwater County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG05-03
Project Location:	Broadwater County
Financing Date:	06/15/05
CDBG Funds:	\$ 15,000
Other Funds:	
Gateway Economic Development Corp.	\$ 15,000
Volunteer/County in-kind	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total Project	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To conduct a feasibility study to evaluate which of at least five (5)

sites in the county would be suitable for industrial or business park development. This is an essential part of an overall plan to increase business activity, wage and skill levels, and property tax revenues.

Locality:	City of Lewistown
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG05-04
Project Location:	City of Lewistown
Financing Date:	06/15/05
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 13,000
Other Funds:	
Resource Support & Development	\$ 1,206
City of Lewistown	\$ 2,477
Total Project	<u>\$ 16,683</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: City of Lewistown was awarded funds to complete a preliminary architectural report and related recycling studies for Snowy Mountain Industries. The preliminary architectural report and recycling studies will determine a suitable location and develop a financial plan for the proposed recycling facility.

Locality:	Ravalli County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG05-05
Project Location:	Hamilton
Financing Date:	6/30/05
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 15,000
Other Funds:	
Federal Home Loan Bank/Seattle	\$ 18,000
Total Project	<u>\$ 33,000</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To complete a preliminary architectural design for a biotech and biomedical enterprise center outside of Hamilton.

Locality:	Hill County
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG05-06
Project Location:	City of Havre
Financing Date:	6/30/05
CDBG-ED Funds:	\$15,000
Other Funds:	
Donations	\$15,000
Bear Paw Development	<u>\$ 5,777</u>
Total Project:	\$36,027
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To complete a master plan for the Hill County fairgrounds as a second phase in the multi-purpose center feasibility project.

Locality:	SBDC
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-MOA
Project Location:	Small Business Development Center Bureau
Financing Date:	6/15/2005
CDBG-ED Funds:	\$35,000
Total Project	<u>\$35,000</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To assist the Small Business Development Center Bureau (SBDC),, provide outreach, counseling, training, and technical assistance to small businesses.

Locality: **Hill County**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-06

Project Location: City of Havre
Financing Date: 6/30/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$15,000

Other Funds:
Donations \$15,000
Bear Paw Development \$ 5,777

Total Project: \$36,027

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To complete a master plan for the Hill County fairgrounds as a second phase in the multi-purpose center feasibility project.

Locality: **Madison County**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-07

Project Location:
Financing Date: 09/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$ 5,000

Other Funds:
Yellowstone Club Foundation \$ 7,500
MCEDA \$ 7,500

Total Project: \$20,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The County will create a local cattle brand that markets meat products processed and packaged in or near Madison County.

Locality: **Lake County**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-08

Project Location:
Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$ 8,000

Other Funds:
Lake County \$ 2,500
LCCDC/WRDR \$ 20,060

Total Project: \$ 30,560

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The County will create a 5-year planning document for the Western Rural Development Region.

Locality: **City of Sidney**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-09

Project Location: City of Sidney
Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$ 10,000

Other Funds:
GTA \$ 50,000
Private Ag Companies \$ 19,000
North Dakota State University \$ 20,000
Eastern Plains RC&D \$ 1,000

Total Project: \$100,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The City in conjunction with the university will conduct a study to identify, evaluate, develop, and improve barley, wheat, and durum grains now grown in Montana for ethanol production.

Locality:	Meagher County
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG05-10
Project Location:	White Sulphur Springs
Financing Date:	9/8/05
CDBG-ED Funds:	\$ 9,000
Other Funds:	
Donations	<u>\$21,000</u>
Total Project:	\$30,000

Use of CDBG Funds: The County will complete a feasibility study for an industrial park to be located in Meagher County.

Locality:	Valley County
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG05-11
Project Location:	City of Glasgow
Financing Date:	9/8/05
CDBG-ED Funds:	\$14,000
Other Funds:	
MAIC,RBEG, GTA	\$45,000
Great Northern Dev Corp	<u>\$22,600</u>
Total Project:	\$81,600
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The County will conduct planning for the development of an ethanol facility design, site identification, feasibility study and business plan.

Locality:	City of Malta
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG05-12

Project Location: City of Malta
Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$14,000

Other Funds:
City of Malta \$ 1,500
Judith River Foundation \$ 1,250
PhillCo Econ Growth Council \$ 3,000

Total Project: \$19,750

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The City will hire an architect to draft a preliminary architectural report for a dinosaur museum.

Locality: City of Shelby
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-13

Project Location: City of Shelby
Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$ 9,164

Other Funds:
City of Shelby \$20,836

Total Project: \$30,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The City will complete a feasibility study for development of an industrial park south of Shelby.

Locality: Town of Eureka
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-14

Project Location: Town of Eureka
Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$ 14,000

Other Funds:
EDA \$ 20,000
Sustainable Northwest \$ 11,000

Total Project: \$ 45,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The Town will conduct a study to develop a stewardship education and planning project to support two potential mills, and to produce a cost analysis for improving the Town's road infrastructure.

Locality: Flathead County
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG05-15

Project Location: City of Kalispell
Financing Date: 9/8/05

CDBG-ED Funds: \$ 8,000

Other Funds:
Schwartz Engineering \$ 22,000

Total Project: \$ 30,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The County will complete an engineering study for the development of a value-added, wood products industrial park in Columbia Falls.
